

## TEXAS TOWNS

## WHARTON.

Wharton, Texas, Feb. 20.—The proposed bond issue for the schools of the Independent District of the city of Wharton and especially the improving of the white school in the district will be laid before the colored people by Prof. W. L. McCann in a mass meeting Tuesday night because we too will be called on to vote in this matter. As usual we always help to carry these issues and of course we will help carry this one. But of this proposed (\$100,000) one hundred thousand dollars we need at least twenty-five thousand to improve our school conditions too as we have the poorest building and grounds of any town in Texas. We mean to look our school board and our school superintendent in the face and tell them that we must have a statement from these honorable gentlemen as to what we will get out of our colored children.

The inclement weather did not stop the trustee rally at St. James A. M. E. church. We witnessed one of the greatest sermons that we have heard in many days by Rev. McNeill. After the sermon the conductors of the various trains were called to make their reports: The first conductor to report was Bro. Jno. Barrett, he had on his train twenty members and he reported \$39.50. The next report was Bro. S. H. Henry, who reported \$44.50. Bro. Laver Graves was the next to report, he reported \$42.50. Bro. Brawley was the last to report, his train was running late and had not come when we adjourned. He was an extra head of his and \$19.50 was reported. The following men paid \$10.00: Bros. Jas. Valentine, S. H. Henry, Laver Graves, Prof. E. M. Taylor, Rev. Ferguson, the pastor paid five, Calvin Green, Thomas, H. Taylor, Lewis Morgan, John Barrett, Robert Shields. The following sisters paid \$5.00: Mary E. Hodges, Lee Jenkins, Isabella Graves, R. A. Ferguson, Millie Taylor, Flora Johnson, and Lela Barrett. M. Johnson, others gave from one to three dollars; Jennie Green, Emma Balfour, D. Lane, A. Gilmore, Helena Jenkins, Feeble James. Total collection was \$151.00.

Mr. Porter Guess and family motored in from Boon's bend, Sunday and spent the evening with relatives. Mrs. Willie Schultz has come home to stay. Mr. W. L. McCann is back from Camp Travis. He will start to work on his father's home soon.

## PINELAND.

Pineland, Texas, Feb. 20.—Rev. M. Harris, pastor of Pinegrove church was with his people Sunday. Excellent services throughout the day. The entertainment at Mrs. P. D. Barrows, given by the Missionary Society, Saturday night was a success.

Mr. Brit Hollis died Monday evening. Little George Stewart is very ill with influenza. Rev. E. B. Ruffian attended the District Ministerial Council of C. M. E. church at San Augustine, last Wednesday. Rev. H. Madlock of Beaumont was in town Thursday night, meeting many old friends and acquaintances.

Miss Minnie Franklin, who is teaching at Sexton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Franklin.

Miss Bertha Cusley left Thursday evening to spend a few days with home folks at East Mayfield. Miss Johnnie Lee Hodges returned from Lake Charles, La., Tuesday, where he has had medical treatment.

Mrs. L. McBride was called to the bed side of her sick mother in San Augustine.

Miss Mary Armstrong of Jasper is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. H. Harrison.

Miss Dora Moore is on the sick list.

## GROESBECK.

Groesbeck, Texas, Feb. 20.—Sunday school was a high day spiritually in the city. Mr. Sandy Blacker, Sr. has been seriously ill for the past week. Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson has been confined to her bed with fever for several days. Little Miss Bonnie Mae Pinkard is improving at this writing. Mr. Bob Gambles of Marlin visited his wife and son of Groesbeck, Sunday.

On account of high winds, the Blackshear high school failed to match basket ball with Mexin Friday. Last Monday there were several prominent colored men in town from all over the country, who came in for the jury and the fact that this is one step toward the mark.

## SAN ANGELO.

San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 20.—So, we want to know why the agent of the Express in the writer of this article had business attention court last week. I am of the opinion that a news writer should know as much about the proceedings of the court as that of a religious gathering. Some time in the near future I will give the readers the benefit of my attending court last week. Rev. J. A. Mackey, P. C. of M. E. church closed the two weeks' series of meeting at the Wesley Chapel M. E. church last week with good results. Mrs. Elsie Simon and daughter will depart on the 17th for their future home in Omaha, Neb. She was a consistent reader of the Express. Rev. J. M. Johnson, P. C. of St. Paul A. M. E. church is preparing for a big spring drive for Christian Education. Mr. C. M. Colvin, chief of private car No. 995 of the Texas Midland has been in this city for one month and is expecting to be here for 20 days longer. He is enjoying

a pleasant stay. Mattie Lee Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lott arrived home Monday afternoon from Kansas City, Mo., to see her mother, who was seriously ill, the past week.

## RUSK.

Rusk, Texas, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Adeline Nelson of Sherman, is visiting the family of Rev. McKellar. She expects to remain in our city for two weeks.

Several of the honorably discharged colored soldier boys are returning from various training camps. Private Aaron Quarles has arrived from Camp Upton, New York.

Mr. Forest Selman, son of Mrs. Abbie Selman, died Saturday, after a brief illness, with pneumonia. His mother arrived from Tyler, but too late for him to recognize her. He was buried Sunday and his funeral was preached by Rev. Sam Love.

Class meeting services were held at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. church, Sunday. Rev. Garner was with his congregation.

The friends of Mrs. Annie Hanks will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly regaining her strength after her long illness, and she expects to be able to resume her duties within a few weeks.

Rev. Moseley and Collins were in Rusk, Saturday en route to their respective churches.

Misses Vida and Bessie Weems spent a few days in Tyler, visiting their brother, Mr. G. A. Weems.

Mr. J. M. Pinkston made a trip to Ponca, Sunday.

Dr. O. L. Lattimore is making good as a dentist in Rusk and vicinity. The citizens of Rusk have reason to be proud of the achievements of this young man. He finished in Prairie View and then studied dentistry at Howard University. He has recently returned from army service in Arizona.

Miss Pat Egbert is quite ill at this writing. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. M. Cork, one of the progressive farmers of Ponca, has purchased three mules, at cost of \$77. He is a farmer who believes in the farm and is industrious enough to try to make farming profitable. His example is worthy of imitation.

Mr. Hanson Smith is improving after an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. M. E. Frazier, who is visiting relatives here, has finished a course in Nurse-Training, in a hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Miss Zenobia Weems, a Rusk girl, now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., writes to friends in the city that she enjoys the copies of the Dallas Express which she receives from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Weems.

The iron industry of Rusk will soon be ready to open up for the making of pig iron. This will be welcome news for the colored laborers, for the furnaces in Rusk, have been idle for years, and many of our people have had to move to other towns to secure the sort of work that would give them the living sought for. Now, that wages are good and prospects higher, we predict better times a head for colored labor.

Mr. Caesar Weems and sister, Miss Mattie Weems, have both been in hospital for several days.

Rusk has several persons who are making good records in instrumental music. Among them might be mentioned the following: Miss Evelyn Parks, Mrs. W. J. Lee, Misses Sammie M. Jones, Bessie Weems, Miss Margaret Lattimore, Misses Elsie Beth and Winnie Cumbo, Misses Annie Bell Smith and Miss Thelma Bradley and Mr. Caesar Weems. Miss Gustavia Cork from Ponca is also learning to play the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kennedy entertained Mrs. M. L. Franklin of Paris and Mrs. Bettie Gray of Texas, last Monday. A delicious dinner was served.

Mrs. M. L. Franklin spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy of Elm Grove, last week.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kenner, Saturday night. Rev. S. Garner and Mrs. Franklin were the guests of honor. It was an enjoyable affair.

Mr. Hubbard Walker and Mrs. Ethel Weems were down from Tyler, to spend here on account of the death of Mr. Forest Selman.

Rev. M. Hollis filed his appointment at Evergreen, Sunday. He preached an excellent sermon.

Mrs. Myrtle Boon is on the sick list.

Mr. Arjerts Timmons is dangerously ill, at the home of his father.

## PARIS.

Paris, Texas, Feb. 20.—Sgt. I. L. Moody left last Saturday for Temple where he will engage in the Under-lying business.

The Chamber of Commerce extended an invitation to the colored citizens of Paris last Sunday to hear speakers on the good roads bond issue. The colored people are invited to attend another meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 2 p. m. sharp.

At the evening services at St. Paul Baptist church last Sunday, Ben Clements given up to be one of the staunchest sinners of Paris capitulated and hit the sawdust trail.

A Valentine masquerade party was entertained at the home of Miss Alvia Poole last Friday night.

The Negro 25th regiment. League will celebrate the home coming of the soldier boys on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23rd at the Buford theater. The meeting will be held at 3:30 o'clock and an excellent program has been arranged for the occasion. All the colored people of the city should join in this celebration.

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Rev. F. E. church has been of the A. M. E. church has been elected to pastor the Mt. Calvary Baptist church.

The Literary Society of St. Paul church hold very interesting exercises every Thursday night.

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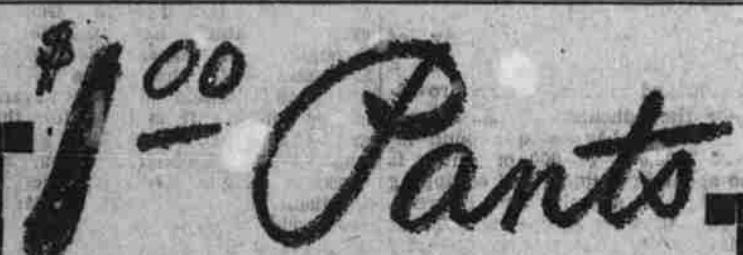
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